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Durham police chief Paul Gowen in a press conference with Mouth of the River staff

Hears student complaints Police chief says teens to be treated respectfully

by Kristi Cowern

Chief Gowen of the Durham Police department announced to a group of 25 high school students in a press conference that he would act on any specifics about mistreatment of youths by any of the police officers.

This comment was in response to many incidents presented by

student reporters of Durham Police allegedly treating teenagers with rude or intimidating behavior. Senior Chris Webb related an incident where an officer questioned him about his identification when he was sitting outside of a local Durham store. Chief Gowen replied to this statement by saying that police must have "just

cause" for requesting an I.D.

Senior Joe Williams mentioned an incident where an officer came to a home where his band was rehearsing and claimed that the officer was unfriendly until she realized that there was a parent present at the house.

Chief Gowen explained to the students that because they are working where the majority of the people they interact with are under 25, it becomes hard not to become biased toward acting a certain

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"PACIFIC OVERTURES" A MUSICAL ABOUT JAPANESE AND THE WEST

by Richard Harris and Pat Duffey

"And there came breaking through the mist, roaring through the sea, four black dragons, spitting fire. And I ran, cursing through the fields, calling the alarm, shouting to the world, 'four black dragons! spitting fire!' And the earth trembled and the sky cracked and I thought it was the end of the world."

Four approaching American ships led by Commodore Matthew Perry may have appeared this way to a fisherman on the beach back in 1853. Japan had always been a country closed to outsiders.

The above song is an excerpt from a scene in Pacific Overtures, a musical by Stephen Sondheim, which more than eighty Oyster River students will be performing in on May 5th, 6th, and 7th.

Overtures is a capitalization of a time period in Japan where they began to open their country to foreign trade. The outside influences of these foreign countries began to alter the customs of Japan, causing many of their deepest traditions to fall by the wayside.

Ask director Steve Denson "what is Pacific Overtures about?", and you'll receive a stock answer, "it's about the westernization of the orient." He uses this reply because much of the character of the show relies upon the cast transforming itself into a Japanese mindset. At times even pieces of the language in the play will be in Japanese. "We must all become Japanese, which should be an interesting challenge," said Denson.

Aiding Denson in this project is senior Dan Stewart. Stewart will be acting as assistant

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The Aruba Rub: Some Parents Say "No way, José" to solo trips

by Michelle Twombly

Aruba areieba anyone? Yes, it's almost time for April vacation. Soon approximately thirty-five students from the senior class will be venturing off to the luxurious, hot, tropical island of Aruba.

However this little trip to a tropical "paradise" is not on every senior's agenda -- for financial reasons, or maybe parental reasons.

"It's a foreign country with absolutely no parental guidance," says Mrs. Weeks, both

Mr. Jones' secretary and a mother of two. "It's a bunch of kids, drinking: if there were any problems they need an adult there. I also feel that the money spent on the trip could be used on an education," ended Weeks.

Mrs. Reeves the school R.N., also explained that she would not let her son go to Aruba or anywhere else for that matter without a "chaperon". "They are too young to be without supervision. My decision has more to being a parent than a teacher," added Reeves.

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Sex imbalance in curriculum addressed in teacher course

by Mirielle Davis

Do students notice that women do not receive equal recognition in the school text books they read. Women are isolated and fragmented in texts. A man will receive 15 pages of recognition where as 10 women will be recognized in a small box at the end of a chapter for good deeds.

In reference to the question: Do you notice that women have little recognition or are fragmented from men?

Elise Adams said, "I noticed it but not to a great degree. I'm taking Women's Literature now and it has opened my eyes to the matter. Women have to fight 10 times as hard to get half the recognition a man gets and he has no trouble."

Rob Reeves said, "I haven't really thought much about it. But, now that I think about it they should get more recognition in text books."

Student Eric Poore was very strong about his views, "I think it is wrong. I know it (discrimination) has gone down but it is still not equal for women. I don't think the school should get books that discriminate against people"

The students were told about the "Women Curriculum" class being taught by five ORHS teachers to ten of their colleagues. The reaction by the students was positive. All of the 20 students interviewed were glad that such a class existed.

Eric Poore said, "I think the class is great and hopefully

very informative. Women have accomplished just as much as men and should be recognized for it.

James Eastman was also supportive, "I think it is good that teachers set up the class just as long as they are not biased against men, it should be equal."

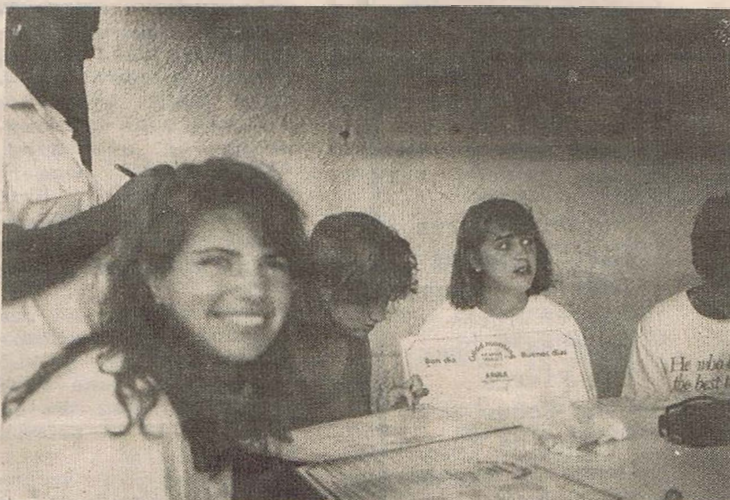
Marisa Moore said, "I think it's good that the teachers are taking the class, but I wish more would take it."

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Mr. Jones says grads set for June 10, but...

According to Geoffrey Jones, Principal of Oyster River High School, the original graduation date of June 10, 1988, is still correct, however he also stated, that the date may not hold up under state laws.

The state of New Hampshire requires that seniors attend school for 175 days. For this year seniors, the June 10 date of graduation would only give them 171 days. It is however quite possible that the state will not change graduation date, when taken into account that, graduation notices have been made, and dates have already been set.

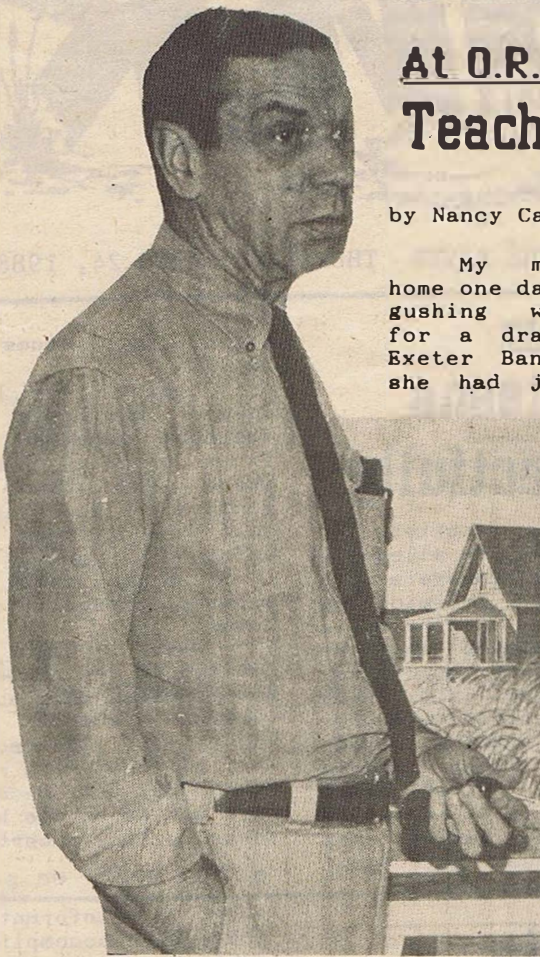


L to R. 1987 graduates Kim Dugas, Joy Coleman, Jody Howard and Darryl Arrighi in Aruba.

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FEATURES



At O.R.H.S. for 22 years Teaching, learning, doing

by Nancy Carlson

My mother came home one day absolutely gushing with praise for a drawing of the Exeter Bandstand which she had just bought.

"There was such a variety of good pieces, Nance," she said to me, "I had a hard time choosing. By the way, what's the art teacher's name at the high school?"

"Bill Childs," I replied, "Why?"

"Because he drew the picture I bought," she answered with a smile.

Bill Childs has been teaching art on and off for the past thirty-two years. Alongside of his teaching career, Childs has been producing watercolors, monotypes, and interior murals. He says that he could easily spend full time working as a teacher or an artist. "It's nice being able to combine the two, it's a nice mix," says Childs.

In high school, Childs was lucky because he was already working as an apprentice for a professional muralist. "When I was in college, he turned over some smaller jobs to me and I felt like I was making all the money in the world!" said Childs.

Has Mr. Childs ever had second thoughts? One always wonders, but

Childs replies with a doing anything else since I scrawled in crayon all over the

chimney behind the fireplace."

grin on his face, "The whole racket is good. I've never considered

"After college, I wanted to go teach someplace where I could begin my own program," remarked Childs. He accepted a job in Milford, N.H. at a high school where there was no art program and started one. In 1966, Childs accepted a teaching job at Oyster River and has been here since.

Childs spends the first part of the summer thrashing around as he makes the transition from teacher to full-time artist. "Around the middle of July, my success rate improves and some of the kinks work their way out." He has a studio in his home with a workbench, a printing press, and "everything I need". Childs spends his whole summer painting and working, both inside and outside of his studio. "I go about it the way you go about a regular job," he comments.

Fans called for their man

"We want Elwell! We want Elwell!"

by Kit Pierce

Time out is called with less than one minute showing on the clock. The game between Oyster River and Pelham is getting to the point of blowout and the fans are on their feet. A chant begins slowly and softly in the crowd and grows to a riotous, "we want Elwell, we want Elwell!" The audience screams the chant. Coach David Nichols

glances to the scoreboard, "take off the sweatshirt Dave." Dave stands and the crowd goes wild.

"Substitute for Oyster River, number 51 David Elwell!" the announcer speaks, letting the opposing fans know what's going on and the opposing team know that OR's got this one in the bag.

David enters the game, a look to adoring fans that tells the other team that this is no ordi-

nary second stringer.

"To me it (crowds reaction) means that there's a lot of school spirit out there," Dave commented on the amazing fan reaction to his playing. "It's cool because all of your work pays off and you get respect," Dave states.

Dave has scored one point this year, in the final regular season game against Laconia. It was in the second period and Dave was fouled while driving to the hoop. He sunk the first one causing an uproar of cheering fans.

David is part of a group of second stringers who call themselves the "white guys". "This is because we (second stringers) always wear white jerseys during practice while the starters are always in blue," said Dave. The "white guys" consist of Derek Smith, Evan Christenson, Pat Duffey, John Gray, and of course, David Elwell.

Evan and Pat, fellow "white guys" and friends of Dave, are great supporters when Dave hits the floor. "It was cool because it gives us something to cheer for," commented Pat. "He's a better shooter than he was in games because the pressure affected his accuracy." "Sometimes he was really hot in practice," added Evan. "We're going to shave his moustache on Friday, March 11," promised both players.

Runs jewelry business

Business teacher Hinckley practices what she preaches

by Tawny Weeks

In May, 1982, Ms. Jacqueline Hinckley had her first appointment with clients for Hinckley Minerals.

Hinckley Minerals is a wholesale jewelry business that Ms. Hinckley owns and operates. She does more than just sell jewelry though. She appraises, repairs, custom-designs jewelry, just to name a few things. She has a direct marketing concept, which is dealing one-to-one. She doesn't own a store front although she has store front inventory. Instead of people coming to her to look at her merchandise, she goes to the consumers home and "provides them with a Quality product at a fair price." She also guarantee's her product and price."

She can do this because she "does her homework." Ms. Hinckley will do comparative shopping. She goes into retail stores and checks the quality of the product and the price.

She became interested in having her own business by a friend. Her friend knew that she was appreciating quality jewelry and informed her that the retail mark up in jewelry is and average of 300- to 400 percent above wholesale. So, Ms. Hinckley became G.I.A. trained (Gemological Institute of America), and purchased inventory based on people's specific requests.

Ms. Hinckley said, "Because of pride and quality, I have grown in leaps and bounds."



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Editorial

School Spirit: A surprising rebirth

by David Mangene and Joe Williams

"Spirit at Oyster River?" Two years ago that skeptical question would be answered with a cynical answer, "What spirit?" But as of this year things have changed.

To be exact, our school spirit was noticed by many as the caped crusading cats marched through the Ludholm gymnasium during the first quarter of the finals vs. Lebanon. But these bobcat faithfuls weren't the only screaming fans. For each playoff game, ORHS students packed the gym to show support. Banners hung on the walls, and vocal chords were severely exercised.

The basketball games weren't the only spirited venues. A few veteran hockey players reported "the biggest crowds at ORHS games ever." This crowd was especially noticeable for the hockey semi-finals where the 'cats fought heartily until the end.

Overall spirit has improved dramatically in the past year. The cheerleading squad went from four members, to a full team in just one year. Back in 1986 the hockey team made the playoffs and played in front of about 50 people. Just two years later the team once again made the playoffs, only to lose to Trinity in front of 2000 plus.

But sports are not the only places where school spirit is shining through. Both Snowfest and the Clam Slam reported having the best turnouts ever. The senior night at the works had over 65 participants and Gomorrah, a play written by senior Steve Riddell had an attendance of over 125 people.

Chad Bradbury

"Hell's bells!" Stanley yells.

by Chad Bradbury

Stanley Stariotype was a standard student: he studied the bell schedule, listened for the bells, and was never late for class. He knew well the "fifty-five four run for the door" formula most kids used for getting to class on time.

After fifty-five minutes one class ends, and they run for their next class during the next four minutes. Being of the slow easily entertained type, Stanley adapted very well to basic ideas and programming. In fact aside from one bad incident out of school, the bell system had flawlessly programmed Stanley to move about the High School for six and one half hours a day every day.

Stan, the man didn't belong to the "Seven Mental Wonders of the World" club, so it was definitely a good thing to have him under control at all times. Like all good things however, this had its problems, it was on a sunny Saturday at Chuckie Cheese when the bell systems' training backfired on Stanley.

Chuckie Cheese is different from most arcades because it has games where addicts can win tickets and buy overpriced toys with their earnings. When one particular game-dependent child scores overly well on a "ticket" game a bell sounds boosting the kids ego to new and wonderful heights.

Stanley arrived early that Saturday (7:50) to begin a full fun filled day of token handling

and caged T.V. screens.

Let the games begin! Stanley attacked the arcade by aiming all of his attention at Asteroids, the ancient arcade classics all losers play from time to time. By 8:15 he had saved the universe three times, and was just about to save it a fourth when...Rinnng! some little genius won big-time on a ticket game.

Suddenly Stanley's arms left the controller, his spine grew stiff, his head jolted into the upright position, his eyes dilated, and like a robot off an assembly line he moved slowly and persistently over to Pac-Man. No sooner than he shifted games (but slightly after in fact) came again...Rinnng!- time to move on.

You know and I know what's coming up next, the big question; which lunch does Stanley have? Will he begin drooling on the machine as he hears the next bell (first lunch) or will he play one more game before he feels compelled to buy a Chuckie Cheese pizza? (second lunch).

Unfortunately we're only prolonging the agony, but Stanley has second lunch. A third bell rings and he moves onto Galaga. The killer aliens come down from above. Faster and faster they swarm onto his space-ship, he sweats and his hands become slippery as he furiously man handles the joy stick. Suddenly as if from nowhere... Rinnng!...the bell! Stanley knows he doesn't have to go to lunch right away, he can go late, but will

it be worth waiting? He begins to drool profusely like Pavlov's dogs in expectation of the sumptuous pizza to come.

For those readers who are unaware Ivan Pavlov was a Russian psychologist who conducted numerous experiments on the mind as it related digestive secretions (saliva). He found that dogs, if fed each time a bell was rung would salivate when the bell was rung and no food was given. It was this type of primordial occurrence which took Stanley over on that Saturday afternoon.

The thought of pizza filled Stanley's small mind, the screen becomes difficult to see, the drool overruns both the screen and his hands, they slip off the controller he loses his last ship, well, he tried, darn he tried, all he can do is slug off to lunch.

After a filling and nutritious lunch of pizza and coke Stanley responds to the bell, and once again like a 350 Chevy with dual over-head throttle hounds, he screeches off to the games. During his fifth "period" a strange thing happens, he finishes Dig Dug, but hears no bell.

Let's stop for a minute; loyalty, and fighting for bell and school are one thing, but wouldn't it be a little too much if Stanley just stood in front of a video game-like a wounded fox-and waited for the bell? Yes, it would, and yes he did. For two hours sturdy Stanley stood engulfed in splendid

commentary

Concert ticket brokers Committing robbery

by Chris Webb

This spring, several hot concerts will sizzle through New England, yet several serious fans won't be in attendance. There aren't enough tickets to satisfy everyone's needs. The problem occurs, so fans flock to ticket brokers, who charge outrageous prices. It becomes fans last choice, but some just can't afford it.

The excuse for the ridiculous cost is, "we have to pay people to camp out in slush to get our tickets!" said one broker.

One example of overpricing is the Grateful Dead. The Dead will take the stage at the Worster Centrum on April 7, 8, and 9. The Centrum holds about 14,000 people, yet, east coast Dead shows attract hundreds of thousands of deadheads who want tickets.

Because of the incredibly demand for these tickets, the brokers have been known to charge 350 dollars

for a \$17.50 front row ticket, and 100 bucks for the back.

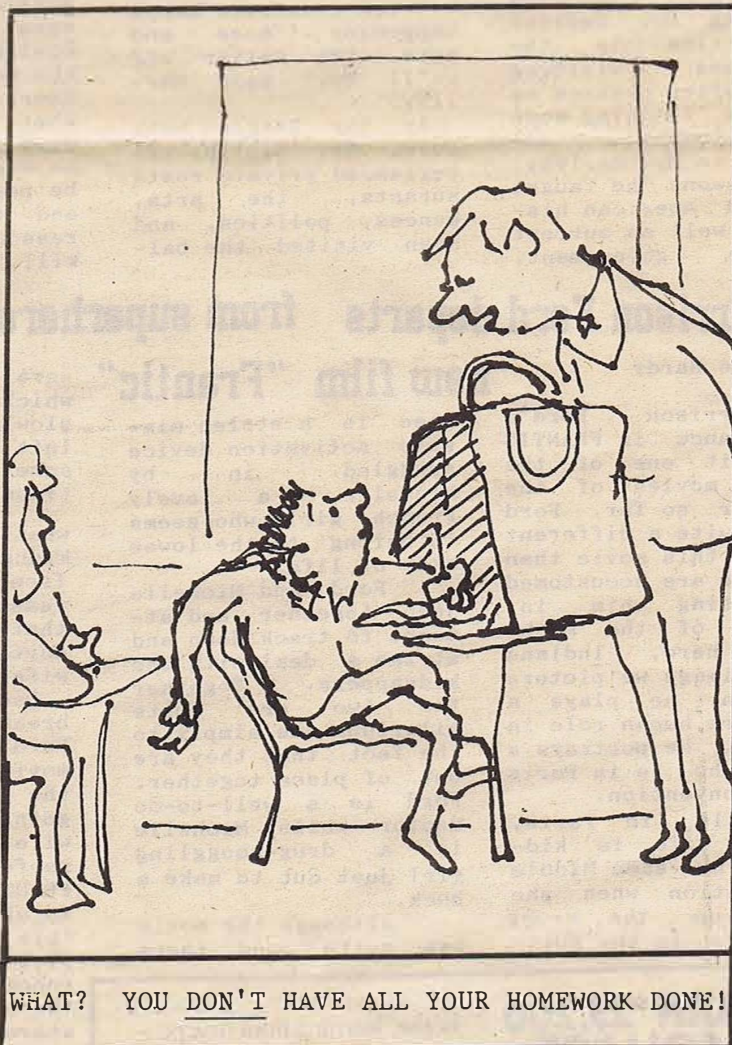
Michael Jackson and Bruce Springsteen are other musicians who draw huge crowds, and huge ticket prices. For this years Springsteen tour one couple paid 600 dollars for front row seats,

according to channel 4.

It's ridiculous and not fair, but, as brokers say, "it's free enterprise."

"It really makes me mad when they charge so much for Dead tickets because the Dead stands for peace, love, sharing and helping out your fellow man. Not ripping off a faithful follower to make enough money to buy a new BMW!" said Senior Ian Young.

The problem is at hand, the solution is difficult but obtainable. A few letters to congressmen to try to outlaw such absurdities. Brokers could charge double the ticket cost and still make a good profit. fans could attend concerts without spending three weeks of savings.



WHAT? YOU DON'T HAVE ALL YOUR HOMEWORK DONE!

stupor waiting for an eight year old video game addict to win.

If you've been running mental parallels between Stanley's actions in Chuck's as they correspond with his actions in school-good.

It seems obvious that a set period of time for doing something is not the way to go. In one instance Stanley could have continued and benefited from the results-he could have learned more, but the bell "cut" the class

short. In the second instance Stanley spends the reaming time munching on his pencil, saturating it with his endless slobber reservoirs while waiting for sixth "period."

Is there an alternative? Is the fifty five-four run for the door the answer? I think there must be something a reasonable society like ours could do to find a solution to this chronic problem, but I doubt it.

ACTIVITIES

Visits U.S.S.R. in February

Americans must be open to Russian culture says Herlihy

by Kris Dugas

Social Studies teacher Alex Herlihy has recently returned from an 8 day trip to Russia. His trip consisted of traveling to Moscow and Leningrad to teach classes and meet with Soviet citizens. Herlihy claims that the "incentive" of his trip was not to go as a tourist, but instead to go to learn and understand the country's cultures and its people.

"Going to Russia gave me a chance to learn about the country and have a better understanding of who the people are and how they live," said Herlihy. "These people are just human beings, people we need to understand better."

Twenty New Hampshire teachers including Mr. Herlihy spent time in the classrooms visiting kindergarten classes as well as teaching some older students. According to Mr. Herlihy, the lessons he taught involved American history as well as current American government.

Herlihy also brought home letters written by Soviet students.

When Herlihy wasn't in the classroom, he was either talking with Soviets or experiencing Russian culture first hand.

Aside from bringing books, handouts and gifts, most importantly he brought with him an open mind. After visiting and learning from these people, Mr. Herlihy found that they are no different. Several families opened up their homes for his group, and others willingly discussed anything with them. Herlihy feels that, this type of interaction is just what we need to break down the barriers between our two countries.

"If this interaction between countries keeps happening more and more, the better off we'll be," said Herlihy.

As for Russian culture, Mr. Herlihy experienced private restaurants, the arts, dances, politics, and even visited the bal-

let. Some places Mr. Herlihy visited were Red Square, the Kremlin, and although he did not go inside, he was able to snap a few pictures of the KGB Headquarters, Russia's infamous secret police.

Herlihy has compiled a slide show including many pictures expressing Russian people and their culture. He plans to make several presentations to community groups and also to elementary school classes.

The leader of the group spoke fluent Russian and had previously made several trips to Russia and had many contacts there. Herlihy mentioned that this was an important aspect of the trip which made it successful.

Among the letters received, one senior Russian student who had spent fifteen days in Boston, wrote, "After the month I spent with Americans, I understand what peace means. I wish some day it will be easy for everyone, to be peaceful and content and there to be no reason to hurt or kill."

Harrison Ford departs from superhero role in new film "Frantic"

by Bruce Hardy

Harrison Ford's performance in FRANTIC makes it one of the better movies of the new year so far. Ford plays quite a different role in this movie than those we are accustomed to seeing him in. Instead of the macho super hero, Indiana Jones' image we picture Ford in, he plays a much more human role in FRANTIC. He portrays a doctor who is in Paris for a convention.

While in Paris, Ford's wife is kidnapped by same Middle East nation when she picks up the wrong suitcase. In the suit-

case is a stolen missile activation device smuggled in by Michelle, a lovely French girl who seems to belong to the lower side of life.

Ford and Michelle join together and attempt to track down and strike a deal with the kidnappers. Together the two are quite hilarious due simply to the fact that they are out of place together. Ford is a well-to-do doctor while Michelle is a drug-smuggling girl just out to make a buck.

Although the movie was quite good, there

were some times in which the action moved slowly. The movie also left the audience with some unanswered questions. Among these are

what country are the kidnappers are actually from, and Ford's reasons for suspecting that the suitcase had anything to do with his wife's disappearance.

Despite a few minor breakdowns in the plot, Ford does make the movie work. He plays the role of almost going crazy over his wife's disappearance to perfection. In FRANTIC, Ford is absolutely frantic and this fact makes the plot work. This critic recommends FRANTIC with three and one-half stars.

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Ping Pong Intramurals

Webb and Weiner win mixed doubles

by Marybeth Ober

"It's a fun event, fun to see, and the students are competitive," said Coach Nichols referring to the Second Annual Ping Pong Tournament held February 29th through March 15th, with the organization and supervision headed by coaches Nichols, Lawson, and Maynard.

In the mixed doubles competition, both Weiner and Webb brought on a two game victory over sophomores Janet Moore and Jeremy Nobrega.

"It was a fun experience to play with such a talented ping-

pong player. I was motivated and had a strong desire to win, because she (Suzie Weiner) was my partner," said Chris Webb.

In the "boys" singles competition, Dave Sundberg was defeated by his brother, Eric in two consecutive games.

In the "girls" singles action senior Jenn Stevens beat freshmen Emery Driscoll in 2 straight games, Stevens showing decisive game plan and determination, lead her to her victory.

Coach Nichols said, "win or lose, it's friendly."

SENIOR WORKS PARTY

by Bruce Hardy

Many students from the O.R.H.S. senior class danced to the classical rock sound of the band Nevada at the recent senior class party held at The Works in Somersworth, Nevada, which consists of O.R.-H.S. seniors and other Durham area musicians, rocked from 7:00 to 11:00 and according to many students were the hit of the party. Greg Blanchard, who was one of these, had this to say, "The band was incredible. They made good music sound real good. I'm glad I came and was able to hear them play."

The party was planned by the senior class officers with the help of Susan Smith, the senior class advisor.

"The party was planned to take place at the works because the price to rent was quite reasonable."

according to senior class Vice President Jen Stevens, and "because of the success the class of 1988 had at the sophomore class party (also held at the works)."

"This years party was a success just as the one in our sophomore year was," senior Rick Mills said.

Other activities which the ORHS seniors were able to participate in at the works included swimming in the indoor pool, indoor wallyball, use of the racquetball courts, and use of the saunas and hot tubs. Also, soft drinks could be bought at the bar and there were several areas for socializing as well as a dance floor. Jay West had this to say about the party, "The band, Nevada, was in great form. I think it made the party successful because it attracted many students."

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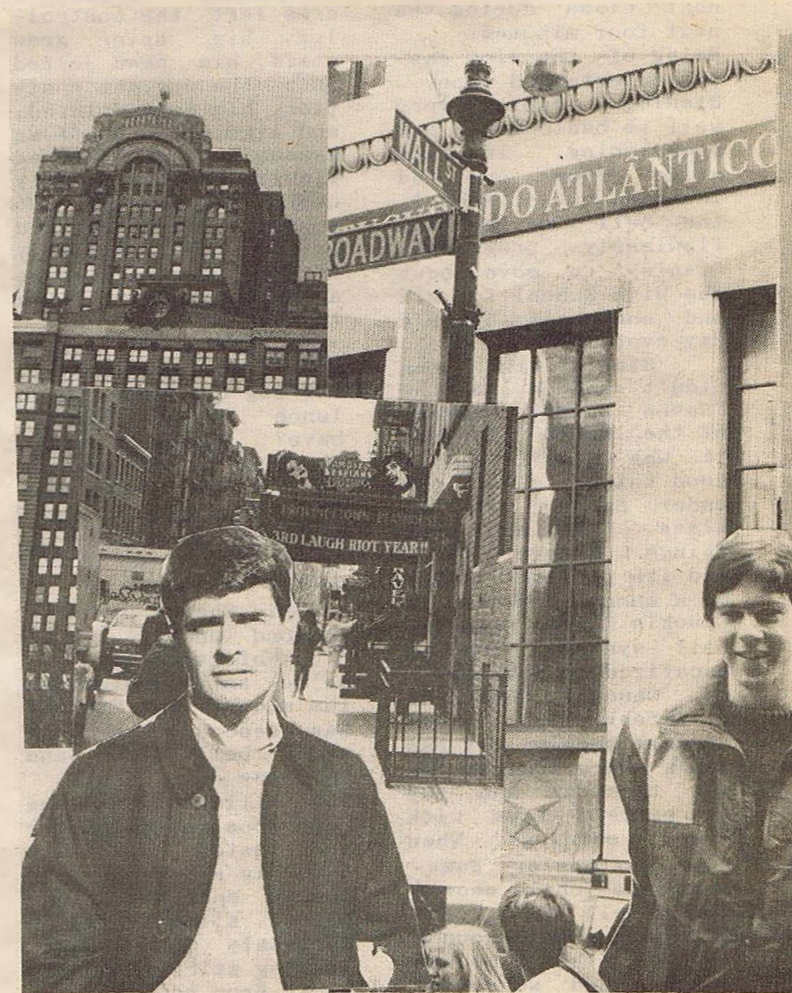
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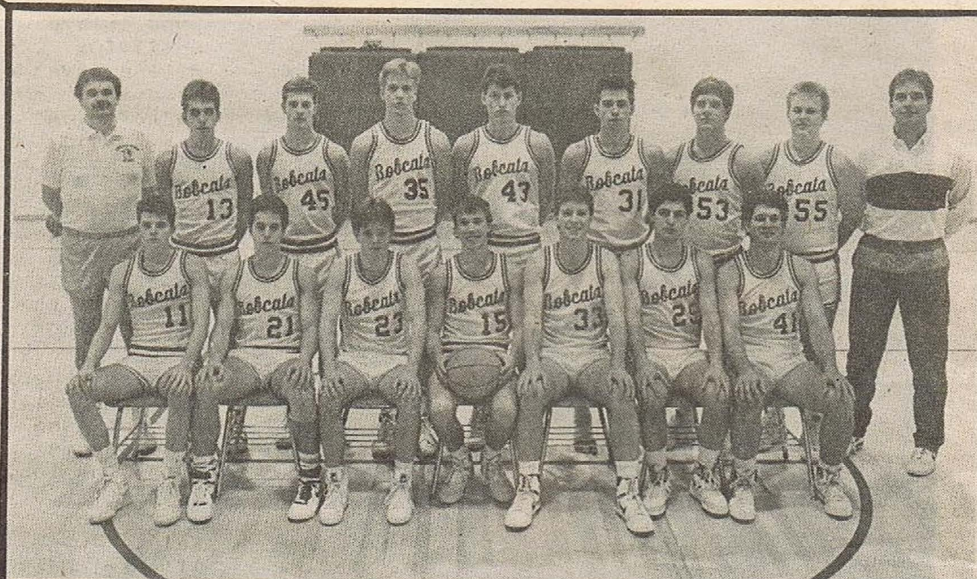
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Class "I" State Champs 1988

SWEET MEMORIES OF CLASS I TITLE LINGER INTO SPRING

by Chris Webb

WOW!! is the only word to explain the feeling of the crowd and players after the Oyster River Bobcats won the Class I state championship over Lebanon 63-51.

This was the first time in Oyster River history that the Bobcats have won the Class I finals. They did it by defeating ConVal 75-55 in the quarterfinals and Merrimack Valley 73-69 in the semifinals.

"I can feel a victory, I know we're going to win!" said senior Dave Mangene before the finals. "We have 9 seniors who have

been playing together with Pat Casey since 8th grade."

"We wanted to win and I think the season would have been a disappointment if we didn't," commented senior Evan Christenson.

In the final game every senior got to participate, but throughout the tourney it was the relentless effort of senior Todd Bragdon who played impeccable defense and added an offensive spark.

John Freiermuth lead all scorers with 24 points. Senior Dave Mangene had 15 points and Junior Pat Casey tossed in 10.

St. Anslem's bound Freiermuth scored 1,502

career points at the end of this regular season and 73 points in the three tournament games for a total of 1,575 points in his high school career. Freiermuth was also recently chosen 'Mr. Basketball of New Hampshire' by the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Association. "We had some turmoil during the season, but we rose above it as a team and did what we had to do. We really care about one another and we're so happy to have won a championship for Oyster River," said Freiermuth.



And he helped them do it!

events among the students. Other popular events were a limo ride that one group took back from the theater, the Bronx Zoo, and dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe'.

According to Mrs. Nash, "I felt the chaperons had a good time as well as the students. I found the kids very helpful. It was nice to do something with the students away from a school environment." Another chaperon, Dorothy Cas-sell, from the N.H.

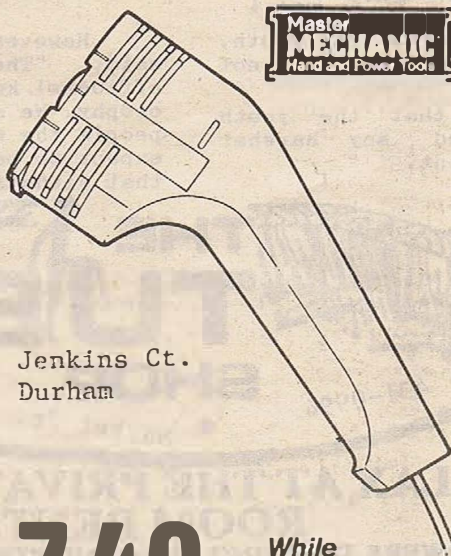
Council and World Affairs, sent Mr. Tappan a letter following the trip expressing her thanks on how smoothly the trip went and how interesting all the Oyster River students were.



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Big Apple is Another World

by Kristi Cowern

Thirty-seven Oyster River students went to New York City over February vacation for the "Big Apple Tour" set up by Mr. Tappan and the N.H. Council and World Affairs.

"The trip was a great success," said Matt Ginsburg, one of the many sophomores attending the trip. The three day trip included tours such as the United Nations Building, Lincoln Center, Chinatown, Trump Tower, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Broadway Shows Les Miserables and 42nd Street. The students were also given the freedom to choose if there were other things they wanted to see. For example, due to the great student interest, a tour was organized for the last day to the Bronx Zoo.

Hotel life added a change as foreign exchange students mingled freely. There were two hundred Swedish students, two hundred Italians and many Germans staying at the hotel. The Oyster

River students were able to get to know students from another country and learn a little about their country. "It was fun checking out all the foreign students. All the foreign students were so friendly. It made it fun being in the hotel when we had to be there. They were all really smart and spoke good english. They were all party animals, we had to be in our rooms by 1:00 a.m. but they were out all night. We could hear them," said Brad Poulin.

According to Mr. Tappan, "most high school teachers would laugh at the idea of taking 37 students to New York City because they would expect the worst, but it really was a blessing. The last night was wild because of the foreign students staying in our hotel, but it was natural for them to be interested in learning about other countries. It just meant that I had to make sure the students weren't awake until all hours."

Les Miserables was one of the most popular



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"Under Milk Wood" Creates word images

by John Freiermuth

To some students, "Under Milkwood," performed Monday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 15 was done very well, but was somewhat confusing.

"This is a very hard play to do for a high school audience because it is not the kind of entertainment that the students want to do or are used to. However, despite it's confusion the play was very relaxing and very well done, especially the lighting," commented senior Kit Pierce.

According to senior Mark Ensign the use of voices and lighting is what really helped the play.

"In comparison with the preview, the actual performance was heightened drastically

with the use of accent and direct lighting. The use of intonation was also excellent," Ensign stated. According to English Teacher Richard Tappan, the play was challenging because the "poetic, descriptive images were too hard to digest at the rate they came at you."

Tappan continued, "It was a hard play for ORHS, but very nicely done. The lighting created a sense of movement through a day."

The play is by a Welsh writer Dylan Thomas and focuses on Captain Cat's (Dave Stowell) album of memories. Captain Cat is blind so his memories are recorded in image of sand and he recalls all of these which have entered into his life.



The cast of "Under Milk Wood" arranged on stools for a readers' theatre rendition of the Dylan Thomas play

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comfortable teaching out of it and if it is educational."

Scott Collins had a different opinion, "No, they shouldn't. If they do that they might get another book that isn't bias but isn't very good to educate with. Just get the book and get another one dealing with women."

Rob Reeves was supportive, "No, they shouldn't but if it doesn't have enough on women. They play a big role just as much as men do."

The last question asked was: Do you feel women are capable of having administrative jobs such as a women principal of a high school. And do you feel a woman would be as successful at it as a man?

"I feel a woman would be just as good as an man principal. The only problem is she

would probably be sexually harassed and not taken as serious by some male students but would respect and listen to her," said Chris Webb.

Raise Adams, too agreed that women would be just as effective as men in administrative positions.

"I see no reason why a woman wouldn't be as successful as a man, she just has to be dedicated and determined not to be bothered by those that are against her."

The majority of the students interviewed were supportive of women getting more recognition and equal rights as men do.

Debbie Metzger said, "It's about time they get equality in the schools. I think men and women should be equal. If kids don't learn it in the school then when will they learn."

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But some other parents such as Mrs. Cowern, give the O.K. on the trip. "I feel that my daughter has hopefully learned how to be responsible. I feel comfortable that

she can handle herself away from home. It's just a step between home and going away to college. I think that it is a nice group of kids and they will take-care of each other. It's a nice last memory of high school especially because it's not just one group; there are various students from the senior class going," stated Mrs. Cowern, mother of three.

"Both of my kids recognized that their money should be used for college. Sure, I would have let them go if they wanted too, it was their choice," said Mrs. Pomerleau, whose two children graduated from O.R.H.S. in 1983 and 1985.

"I think that if you are 18 then you have the right to go, because you are going to be going away to college next year and your going to be on your own then, so your parents should let you have this trip because, you are not going to learn responsibility in three months before you go," ended Andrea Viccaro.

The students will be staying in the Mancho Beach Hotel. Which will include a 2-person room, with a balcony, and its own refrigerator. The trip comes to \$599.00 which includes tax and tips. How much extra spending will depend on that certain individual.

Each year when spring break comes along, it is a tradition for the seniors to plan a trip to the tropics. This will continue to be a tradition at Oyster River High School for years to come.



Senior Jeff Carlson in Pacific Overtures (from pg. 1)

director, which constitutes "being anywhere that Steve can't be." Other responsibilities include suggesting ideas for the show, and recruiting staff and cast members. "Dan Stewart is the first assistant director I've had in twenty years. It's been that long since I've trusted someone this much," added Denson.

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way towards the youth, although he did not

agree that the youth deserved any harsher treatment.

However, the chief said, "They (Durham officers) know my philosophy. We are to treat people the way we would expect to be treated in that situation."

"It's much different working in a university town rather than a normal run of the mill town because the majority of the public has a greater intelligence level. They assertive about their rights. The prob-

lems are also much different. The use of drugs and alcohol is much more frequent and we receive more noise complaints," said Chief Gowen, who has worked in other New Hampshire towns with a different population mix.

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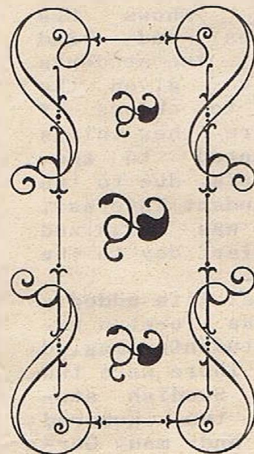
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Pitching key to success for Bobcat baseball in '88 says Coach Don Maynard

by Lynn Schow

The Oyster River Varsity baseball team is looking forward to this season to improve on last year's ninth place finish. With eleven returning players, the Bobcats will have experience helping them reach their goal.

"If the pitching comes around, we should do well," said coach Don Maynard.

"We should have a successful season if the attitudes are there. We have the talent, we just have to work hard," said Junior Fred Luciano.

Maynard's "guardedly optimistic" feelings about the season stem from the difficult schedule they face this year. The Bobcats will battle regular foes Somersworth (state champions last year), Kennebec, Pelham, Sanborn twice, as well as Laconia, Goffstown, and Kingswood twice, who are new to the scheduling this year. These three new teams all

placed in the top eight last year.

Pitching for the Bobcats this year will be senior Ray Goodman, juniors Jeff Barbour and Dave Goodman, sophomore Brad Poulin, and "a couple of guys who don't know it yet," according to Maynard.

The Bobcats will be looking to seniors Goodman, Todd Bragdon, and Greg Williams for leadership. Other players returning from last year's squad are juniors Jeff

Barbour, Dave Goodman, Fred Luciano, Darrell Briggs, Mike Farrell, and Matt Komonchak, and sophomores Brad Poulin and Scott Goodman. Maynard will select three others to join these on the varsity team.

Oyster River will be adding a Junior Varsity team this year. The team will be headed by JV hockey coach Chris Laganas, and is expected to carry eighteen players.



CASAVANT HELPS O.R.I.S. BLOOM IN SPRING

by Troy Barker

Most of the snow has melted on the ORHS school grounds and for the most part the grass is beginning to turn green. Flowers are starting to pop up here and there. Soon the school's twenty acres will be springing to life.

Steve Casavant will be taking care of the ORHS playing fields, grooming and marking them for soccer, baseball, softball, and field hockey.

In the spring, it becomes hard not to notice the work done by Mr. Casavant. In and through his work he seems determined to make ORHS a nice environment for the students.

"I like my job because there is very little stress involved in most of the activ-

ities," said Mr. Casavant. He went on to say, "It does however upset me when people drive on the playing fields. Someone should drop a dime on whoever is doing it. I would also like to add that people should stay off the grass when it is wet!"

During the winter months, Casavant usually takes care of snow and other problems in the school.

In the spring Casavant has planned to plant some shrubs and a few trees on the side of the south entrance

in front of Mr. Jones' office in order to stop snow drifts.

Mr. Casavant has an associates degree in horticulture from Thompson School at The University of New Hampshire.



Women's tennis

Champs grooming new talent for aggressive play

by Evan Christenson

The girls' tennis team begins the 1988 tennis season with a difficult task ahead of them...to defend their state championship. Gone from last year's team is 5 of the top 6 players, but coach Carol Haaland is hoping they can make up for their lack of experience, with some aggressive tennis from some of the younger players. Coach Haaland is already looking forward to the season, and is anxious to get started.

"I want you to be here Monday after school ready to play, even if it's raining in the morning," stated

Haaland in the teams first official team meeting on Friday, March 18.

Jenn Judge, the only returning "starter" (meaning, the only player that held one of top six positions last year) is returning from last year's championship team but this year's Bobcat team is loaded with young talent that will hopefully be able to put the Bobcats over the top once again.

According to coach Haaland, "We lost our top three players from last year (Darryl Arrighi, Debby Matusow, and Karen Rogers), but I think we have the talent to be competitive in our league."



Junior Rich Matusow
prepares to serve up
an ace!

Men's tennis

Players see potential for state title in '88

by Evan Christenson

The boys' tennis team is looking back at last year's season as a building block for better things they hope will come this year. With the loss of only 2 seniors, the Bobcats hope to improve upon their quarterfinal loss last year and possibly come away this year with the state championship.

According to returning number 1 seed Rich Matusow, "We lost John (Shar) and Jim (Gwinn), but there are a lot of young players that are really good. There are also some good seniors and juniors who may be playing on the team this year for the first time, I think they could really help us out."

High school tennis in New Hampshire is set up so the top six players from each school

play in a singles match, then also a doubles match. Besides the loss of Shar and Gwinn who were ranked 2nd and 4th respectively, the Bobcats also lost the services of both Pat Duffey (knee surgery) and Dan Shar (moved out of the district). Both Duffey and Shar had been ranked in the top 6 at some point last season and both were expected to challenge for one of the top spots this coming season.

Senior Dave Ellwell "They both played well last year, and it's tough to lose them. But we have enough talent on this team to make up for their losses. We will have a good team."

The boys team opens their season on April 8th at home against Winnacunnet, and then against Portsmouth on the 11th.

for one day lift ticket price.

The entertainment of junior Shannon Walsh turned the heads of the people on the chairlift. Walsh did a jump

called a helicopter. This is a 360 degree turn in the air off of a jump. This aroused his followers and the many watching from the lift.

Mr. Crockford set the tone of fear for the people watching him ski from the lift. According to junior Greg Cown, "madman Mr. Crockford was cutting off people left and right. People were scared to ski down the same trail with him."

The large daring group of juniors that were jumping the ropes, and skiing closed trails all day long caused frustration among the Wildcat Ski Patrol members going up

the lift. The patrol member could see this clan of ten juniors skiing the closed trails but they couldn't get at them from the chairlift.

The duo of Craig Allen and Dave Goodman made the people on the chairlift impatient by frequently stopping the lift while attempting to board it. Craig would either drop a poll and make the lift attendant stop to pick it up or Dave would go out too soon and end up with another skier on his lap.

"Overall," said junior Dave Hill who ended up in the hospital with a bruised shoulder after his second to last run, "I think the day went good!"



Girls Indoor Soccer Take First

by Diana Hartley

On March 6th, girls soccer finally proved they're the best in the state. Girls' indoor soccer, that is. Oyster River took first place in a state wide tournament hosted by OR. After tying two games and winning two, OR was tied with Derryfield for first place, 6 goals each. OR went on to beat Derryfield with a score of 7-1 in 2 twenty minute halves of final competition.

The day of hard hitting action began with Oyster River facing Derry. In the first half, OR goalie senior Laura Mussulman suffered injury to her finger and backup goalie Marisa More stepped in. The match ended with Or tying Derry 1-1. Oyster River also tied in their second match,

against Manchester West.

"I thought in the beginning we weren't going to get anywhere, but by the end I knew we had some chances," said More. OR had their first win of the day against Keene, by a score of 2-0, but it was a tough match on account of Keene's good passing. OR went on to win again, 2-0 against Derryfield in their last scheduled game of the day.

Oyster River ended up with a first place

trophy and other individual awards were given. Heather Shenefel won a trophy for being the top scorer (6 goals) while Marisa More received the top goalkeeper award.

The girls didn't play without other injuries. Mussulman returned to play in the last game but others suffered injuries also. Senior

Elizabeth Healey suffered an ankle injury while senior Missy Goding hurt her knee and More hurt her finger.

All of the players were members of Oyster River's varsity team this fall with yet another Dawson to coach them. Dick Dawson's sister Cindy took the coaching honors this time as Dick acted as coordinator.

"I didn't think we played like the team we really are until we came out against Derryfield (finals)," said sophomore Karen Tagliaferro.

Senior Lynn Schow added, "We put a lot of pressure on ourselves to prove we really are the best team in the state. Indoor is so different from outdoor, it's such a condensed area, skill doesn't matter as much as speed. I think outdoor is more challenging!"

BARNEY, POULIN TRACK MEDALISTS AT N.E. MEET

by John Freiermuth

Lisa Barney placed first recently in the New England track meet. Barney as well as Ali Poulin also qualified for the Nationals at Yale University.

In the state meet held January 31, at Dartmouth College four girls tracksters were medalist out of seven that qualified. The four medalists were senior Ali Poulin (first in the 500 meter and the high jump), junior Amy Freiermuth in 1500 meter, sophomore Lisa Barney (third in the long jump and the hurdles) and Amy Martin (fifth in the 3000 meter).

The team did extremely well despite having no training facilities and almost no support.

"The U.N.H. track was closed so we had no training facilities. We had to pretty much use the meets to train. Also, since the meets were all held at Dartmouth there was no fan support," commented Poulin.

Although the girls track team was successful, the boy's team was just the opposite. The lack of training facilities was really evident; however, according to senior Brian Grondin there was still some optimism.

Six guys qualified for the state meet and that's pretty good considering there's seven team members. Mainly, we use winter track to keep in shape for spring track," Grondin states. Out of the six that qualified none received medals.

Girl's B-ball Roundup

by Kit Pierce

The Oyster River Girls Varsity basketball team finished their season with a loss from the eventual state champions Goffstown.

Their 8 and 10 season was kind of disappointing but, "We had a lot of fun, and made the best of it," said Senior Kristi Cowern.

With five seniors on the team, next years team will be full of young talent, including sophomore Janet Moore and Juniors Julie Pelton and Lauren Reale.

"Although we had a losing season, the desire of the team to play to their potential was clearly shown," said senior Sam Dufour.

14-4 SEASON PUTS HOCKEY TEAM IN LIMELIGHT

by Charles Hoarty

The Oyster River boys hockey team finished its season this past month by making it to the state semi-finals, only to see their dream like season end at the hands of Trinity 7-4.

The Bobcats finished the regular season at a strong 14-4 which was good enough for a first round bye in the state tournament. The Bobcats then preceded into the quarterfinal round of the tournament, where they handed Bishop Brady of Concord a 5-2 loss.

The Bobcats, were far from spectacular against the scrappy skaters of Brady, but two third period goals from Jeff Carlson and Matt Komonchak secured the game for the team and a semi-final round berth at Snively Arena in Durham.

Oyster River had jumped out to a two goal lead in the first period of the game on goals by Peter Fitzgerald and Scott Matseas only to see the Green Giants even the score early in the second period. Jeff Carlson responded for the Bobcats once again and gave them a 3-2 advantage heading into the games final period.

The Pioneers of Trinity were next on the Bobcats hitlist but the powerhouse team out of the city of Manchester proved to be too much for the Bobcats to handle. Just the same, the Bobcats made a strong showing. Trinity jumped out to 1-0 margin as Tom Chrane scored on a hard wrist shot late in the period. The Bobcats outshot Trinity for the period, but could not find the back of the net.

Trinity was first to jump on the scoreboard in the second period but Oyster River fought back to tie the score 2-2 on goals by Jeff Carlson and Jeff Moore. Trinity jumped ahead of the Bobcats once again on two Jeff Lundin goals late in the period. Trinity took a 4-2 advantage into the final period.

As both teams began the third period it was evident who had the most energy left for the third period as Trinity scored on a powerplay goal to increase it's lead to 5-2.

The Bobcats finished 15-5 overall for the season the best of any hockey team has ever finished thus far in Oyster River sports history.

Smoking at O.R.H.S.?

by Troy Barker

Has taking away the students privilege to smoke stopped them from smoking on school grounds? One long haired, tall senior who was asked said "there will always be a place to smoke if you are willing enough".

The bathroom seems to be a popular place to smoke, yet since it has become increasingly popular, students have found other places to smoke. Heavy smokers feel they must smoke before, during and after school.

There is nothing the school can do about students smoking before or after school, unless it is on school grounds.

A short, curly haired senior said that he can usually wait until the school day is over, but will take a chance if he feels the need to have a cigarette.

Some smokers have gone from smoking to chewing tobacco because "it gives you the same sensation as smoking and it is not as visible". On the other hand some students have "slowed down" or quit smoking all together.

From the viewpoints of some students taking away the smoking area has not really increased or decreased their urge to "puff away", they just have to be more sneaky about

where and when they smoke.

State regulations require schools to be non-smoking areas, yet the teachers still have an area to smoke. Some student are baffled by the situation. One senior said, "If they have the ability or right to smoke so should we. If that privilege is taken away from us, then it should be taken away from the teachers."



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